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I have the honour to attach herewith the text of a press statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore on the situation in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its attachment circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) CHEW Tai Soo
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Press statement dated 12 February 1994 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Singapore on the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Singapore Government welcomes the ultimatum issued by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) to the Bosnian Serbs to cease all shelling of Sarajevo and withdraw or hand over their heavy weapons to United Nations forces. The immediate response of the Bosnian Serbs has been to call for a cease-fire around Sarajevo. But the Bosnian Serbs have established a cynical pattern of bending to international pressure and immediately reverting to their indiscriminate attacks when the threat of military action is lifted. The stakes in Bosnia are high for the international community. Failure to effectively implement this latest ultimatum will not only lead to more innocent lives lost in Bosnia. It could also send a wrong signal that the international community is now prepared to tolerate and accept aggression.